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I think that the proposed settlement between the DOJ and Microsoft does not have an intentions of either:

1. Punish offender (Microsoft) adequately for the crime
2. Prevent the repetition of the offence, such as using operating system monopoly to get unfair advantage against competition for the other related products such as browsers (Netscape), office (Word-Perfect), databases (FoxPro), disk drivers (Stalker) etc.

The only measure that would do both of the above would be to award monetary damages to the companies (if they exist) or investors (at the time the companies were dissolved).

In other words, if Microsoft (and other legal monopolies) would know that breaking the anti-monopolistic law would not benefit the company (Microsoft) or its investors, they would not break the law. So if Microsoft is forced to pay the amount of money "reasonably assumed" to get by Netscape, Opera, etc. to those companies or their investors, that can accomplish both objectives above.

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